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SENATOR RAIKES: I am, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: It's a different bill. What...is the A bill on that, which says...gives a figure of 108 million something dollars, the A bill that we'd be looking at if that bill were to be enacted?

SENATOR RAIKES: I think that's right, Senator. If it would be...were to be enacted as it...as it was introduced, that's correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. That's all that I needed. Members of the Legislature, and I'm saying this for Senator Wehrbein's sake, there are other bills that I'm targeting and I will get more than \$140,000 or whatever it is out of LB 513 because, in the same way you have concern about areas, you mention, in the livestock arena and farm sector and some of those concerns I share with you, I have a concern for the children that I have an interest in. LB 513 wants to get more money for special education and Nebraska is among the top five worst states in misusing black children in special education programs, and they use them to draw down a lot of state money. Then the money is not spent for that purpose. So, since Senator Wehrbein gave us the opportunity to talk about using good judgment as these matters come before us, I want to use that opportunity to expand on it a bit and say that I join him in looking at bills and that's why, Senator Wehrbein, I was so forceful in mentioning what this amendment does, what it costs, and wanting people to be sure that they're willing to support this and ride this horse all the way across the finish line. And I'm also serving notice that LB 513 is not going to have an easy time of it, and if you all think that I've been ferocious on bills before, you let LB 513 get out here and they're going to try to use children of my complexion like we were used during slavery times as a commodity to get money and we don't benefit from it, we're going to be in a real war. But I said all that preparatory to my reemphasizing...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...that Senator Pedersen is offering what I